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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,800,000 Dollars.

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Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED,
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.
" 6 " 4% " "
" 12 " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager,
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, \$200,000.
RESERVE FUND, \$150,000.
Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

RECENTLY ARRIVED, AND FOR SALE.

PODGER'S CELEBRATED CUT-
LERY.
WATERLOW'S and DE LA RUE'S
STATIONERY.
DESSERT and DINNER SERVICES,
TABLE GLASSWARE.
GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.
CABIN SUSPENSION and BULK-
HEAD SWINGING LAMPS for OIL.
CABIN SWINGING CANDLE-
STICKS.
SIGNAL and MASTHEAD LAMPS,
(Latest Admiralty Regulation).
TUBE EXPANDERS, Assorted Sizes.
ENGINEER'S HAMMERS.
MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS.
COPPER WIRE GAUZE.
SPIRIT LEVELS.
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Sizes.
INSERTION RUBBER, Assorted Sizes.
INDIA RUBBER DOOR MATS.
INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DE-
LIVERY HOSE.
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A Large and Choice Assortment of
American and English
ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

NEW and POPULAR BOOKS,
INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING.
EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

PRESENTATION BOOKS,
NOVELS, &c.

MUSIC & SONGS,
by First class Composers,
OPERAS, MUSICAL INSTRUCTION BOOKS, &c.

A Fine
Selection
of SHERRIES.
Very Fine "O. K."
BOURBON WHISKY.
CHATEAU DE FRANDS.
(A fine full flavoured
Breakfast CLARET.)
BRANDIES. GIN.
LIQUEURS.
ALEs.
&c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.
Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

FOR SALE.
EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL
FLOWER WATER.

TRADE MARK

SUPERIOR, TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.

VOGEL & Co.,
Solo Agents for China.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my19

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the
EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING

of SHAREHOLDERS in the above-named Company, will be Held at the HEAD OFFICE,

Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th March, 1879, at 3 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th

March, both days inclusive.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAM-
BER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of MEMBERS of THE HONGKONG

GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, will be

Held at the City Hall, on WEDNESDAY,

the 26th February, 1879, at 3.30 p.m.

By Order,

E. GEORGE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 17, 1879. fe26

NOTICE.

MRS. J. F. ROSE begs to intimate to

the Ladies of HONGKONG, CANTON

and the COAST PORTS that on the 1st

MARCH she will OPEN a DRAPERY

and DRESS-MAKING BUSINESS in the

Premises lately occupied by MESSRS. ROSE

& CO., next door to the HONGKONG HOTEL,

Queen's Road.

All communications to be addressed to

Mrs. J. F. Rose, as the Business will be

conducted on her sole account.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. mal

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI

during the Summer Months, leaving

HONGKONG on the 1st of April next.

By Order,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

FOR SALE.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS.
LETT'S DIARIES. LETT'S DIARIES.
RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS.
RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS.
HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILVER LAMPS.
French and English BOOTS and SHOES.
The New Patent LIFE VESTS.
PONY HARNESS, CHUB'S FIREPROOF SAFES.
SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES.
HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS.
COPYING PRESSES, CHESTY HATS.
SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES.
FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES.
CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.
PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.
BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES.
DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.
DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.
CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.
AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.
SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS.

Bass's ALE, GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER.
Bass in Huds, SACCONI'S SHERRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

Intimations.

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Printed Forms of Tenders and further
particulars can be obtained at the Naval
Storekeeper's Office.

NAVAL CONTRACT, 1879-80.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will
be Received by the Undersigned,
until Noon on TUESDAY, the 25th Instant,
from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING
the following ARTICLES for the use of
H. M. Navy for the Year 1879-80, viz.—

BISCUIT. Raisins.
SOFT BREAD. RICE.
FRESH BEEF. SUGAR.
FRESH VEGETABLES. TEA.
WATER.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further
particulars can be obtained at the Naval
Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any
Tender is reserved.

J. BREMNER,
Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard,
Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe25

G. FALCONER & CO.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,
AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.

48, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, February 20, 1879. ma20

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER,
Dr EASTLACE will receive his
PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,
No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the
MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. ma13

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The A 1 American Bark
"HELENE,"
Captain SNOW, will load here
for the above Port, and have
quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. ma13

FOR VICTORIA (VANCOUVER ISLAND).

The A 1 American Bark
"HELENE,"
Captain SNOW, will load here
for the above Port, and have
quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. ma13

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship
"MATCHLESS,"
Captain DAWES, will load here
for the above Port, and have
quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. ma13

FOR LONDON.

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Auctions.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on the Premises, on

SATURDAY,

the 22nd day of February, 1879, at Noon, if not previously sold by private contract, of which due notice will be given.

THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY, situated on the Praya at Wan-chai, now in complete working Order and capable of refining 500 piculs of raw sugar per day. The Property comprises all that valuable piece of ground, situated at Wan-chai, Hongkong, abutting on the North side on the Praya, and measuring thereon One Hundred and Sixty feet, on the South side on the Queen's Road, and measuring thereon Two Hundred feet, on the East side on a close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 42, and measuring thereon Five Hundred and Four feet, and on the West side on a close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 64 A, and measuring thereon Three Hundred and Eighty-two feet, containing in the whole 86,200 square feet, or nearly two statute acres, all level ground, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 40, held for an unexpired term of 979 years from 1863, with the valuable Messuages and Buildings thereon, which were especially built for the purposes of a Sugar Refinery according to Weinrich's Patent and other approved processes, with the valuable new Machinery, Plant, Fixtures and Fittings thereon. Also the sole right and benefit of the Patent for Refining Sugar by the Weinrich Process, obtained from the Government of Hongkong by WILLIAM McGREGOR SMITH for the term of Fourteen Years from the 28th day of May, 1874.

There is an abundant and unfailing supply of fresh water on the Premises, ample for refining over 2,000 piculs of Sugar daily.

The whole Property will be sold free from all charges and Incumbrances save the Crown Rent and Taxes, subject to the conditions of Sale, which can be inspected at the Office of the Undersigned.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to WILLIAM HENRY BAKER, Solicitor, No. 29 Queen's Road; MESSRS SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSTON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House; and MESSRS STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors, Club Chambers; or

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 8th day of Feb., 1879.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

ON

MONDAY,

the 24th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

A Private Collection of CHOICE and

VALUABLE CURIOS, comprising:—

Bronzes, Vases, Lacquered Ware,

Enamelled Bronzes, China Ware, Scap-

stone Ornaments, Jade-stones Carvings.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. fe24

AUCTION OF

RARE AND VALUABLE BOOKS

FROM BERNARD QUARITCH, LONDON.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions to sell by Public Auction,

ON

MONDAY,

the 24th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

An Invoice of RARE and VALU-

ABLE BOOKS.

Catalogues can be had by applying to

the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. fe24

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CLUB LISITANO, with the assent of majority of the Shareholders given in General Meeting.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public

Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 1st March, 1879, at 2 p.m., on the

Premises,—

Lot 1.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, being portion of inland

Lot No. 125, measuring about 6,406 square feet, with a Frontage of 91 feet, more or less, on Elgin Terrace; and the MATERIALS of that portion of the Building known as the LISITANO THEATRE, being upon the said Piece of Ground.

Lot 2.—The GAS SUNLIGHT, BRACKETS, PIPES, and other GAS FITTINGS, and SEATS in the said Theatre.

Conditions of Sale and Particulars of the Property may be obtained upon application at the Office of the Undersigned, where also a Plan of the Premises may be seen.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879. mal

MOORE & CO.

"VARIETY STORE,"
NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.

No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ELGANT

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, CHROMOS, OLEOGRAPHS, GLASS WARE, PLATED WARE, PIANO,

etc., etc., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. S. LORING, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 25th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Residence, United States Consulate, Arbuthnot Road;

The whole of the ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising: English-made Mahogany Drawing-room Suite.

American-made Cabinets, with Glass Doors.

Blackwood Tables, Handsomely Carved.

Blackwood Carved Marble-top Tables.

Crystal Gasoliers, Gas-Brackets, Car-

pets, Hearth-rugs, Engravings, Oil Paint-

ings, and Chromos.

American Bronzes, Statuettes, and

Ornaments.

English-made Mahogany Dining-room

Suite.

English-made Mahogany Telescope

Dining Table.

American-made Oak Sideboard, Hand-

somely Carved.

American-made Walnut Dining-room

Chairs.

Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets,

and Glassware.

American Plated-ware.

Double Brass Bedstead, Mahogany

Cheval Glass with Marble-top Stands,

Marble-top Toilet Table and Washstands,

Lady's Wardrobe, American-made Wal-

nut Wardrobe with Plate Glass Door.

Office Desks, Writing Tables, Book

Shelves, Clocks, &c.

A COTTAGE PIANO, by JOHN

BROADWOOD and SONS,

etc., etc., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after

Monday, the 24th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879. fe25

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

GERMAN BARK "EXCELSIOR,"

Captain KLOCK,

FROM HAMBURG.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived,

Consignees of Cargo by her are re-

quested to send in their Bills of Lading to

the Undersigned for countersignature, and

to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the

Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense.

SIEMSEN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 17, 1879. fe24

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"LIBRE,"

Commandant LE PONTOIS, will be

despatched for YOKOHAMA

on SATURDAY, the 22nd Instant, at 1 p.m.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"DEMMNAH,"

Commandant HERNANDEZ, will be

despatched for SHANGHAI

on SATURDAY, the 22nd Instant, at 5 p.m.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"YULSES,"

Commandant LE PONTOIS, will be

despatched for MANILA

on SATURDAY, the 22nd Instant, at 5 p.m.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 20, 9 p.m., Conquest, British steamer,

317, Scott, Touron Feb. 14, 6 a.m., and

Hollow 12, 6 a.m., General.—KWONG LEE

YUEN.

Feb. 21, Esmeralda, British steamer, 396,

R. Cullen, Amoy Feb. 20, General—

RUSSELL & Co.

Feb. 21, Djemnah, French steamer, 2288,

Hernandez, Marseilles Jan. 12, Naples 14,

Port Said 18, Suez 19, Aden 20, Gallo Feb.

5, Singapore 18, and Saigon 17, Mails and

General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Feb. 21, Ulysses, British steamer, 1560,

A. Thompson, Liverpool Dec. 22, via ports

sold at Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.'s until noon to-morrow, and that no tickets will be available thereafter. Persons unprovided with tickets will not be admitted.

We note the arrival by the M. M. steamer *Djennah* of the Hon. Mr. Marsh, our new Colonial Secretary. The arrival of this gentleman will somewhat change the Governmental machinery and do away with acting appointments. One of the Acting Magistrates will act no more for the present in that capacity, as Mr. May will, we believe, resume his duties as Chief Police Magistrate on Monday.

Those who know Mr. H. St. L. Magniac will be sorry to learn of his sudden death in England—on the 10th instant, the last day of our Race Meeting, in which he always took no keen interest. Mr. Magniac, as partner in the leading firm in China, and for many years a resident of Hongkong, was closely identified with the life of the Colony, and especially with the sports in which Englishmen take so much pride. He was a generous-hearted gentleman, and poor residents will remember even yet numerous instances of his open-handedness.

We regret to learn of the death of Deputy-Commissary R. O. Baker, of the Commissariat and Transport Department, which took place at Yokohama on the 12th inst. Mr. Baker was an active officer, and highly esteemed by his brother officers. His appointment of Deputy Surveyor in dated Feb. 22, 1861, and he was about to retire from the service. About a couple of months ago the deceased took a trip to Japan, but without any benefit. He was 58 years of age.

THE RACE BALL was held last night, and formed a very fitting conclusion to the pleasant Race Meeting of 1879. There was a very good attendance of ladies, and dancing was kept up with spirit until a late hour in the morning. Among those present were—H. E. the Governor and Mrs. Hennessey, Admiral Dubuquoy (commanding the French squadron), Major-General and Mrs. Donovan, Lady Snale, Prince Matsumata, and many other naval, military, and Consular officers, with several visitors, and nearly all the leading residents of the Colony. As is usual on such occasions the decorations were in the "horsey" style, the various colours worn by the different jockeys being exhibited on the grand staircase, artistically arranged among leaves and flowers. Several representations of mokes done in leaves attracted general attention; and one was particularly admired, bearing, as it did at a little distance, a most striking resemblance to the "Demon" (Mr. Hutchings) landing *Girths* as the winner of the Hongkong Derby. The appropriate device of hoisting the numbers of each race on the frame used at the Grand Stand was again adopted. Music was supplied by the Band of the 74th Highlanders. Some of the trophies of former racing days in China were shown in the upper room, among which were the fine old Challenge Cup now the property of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,—the well-known battle piece—and one or two Shanghai prizes. Only the Subscription Challenge and Garrison Cups of this year, and the Naval Plate of last year, were displayed on this occasion, the Naval Plate won at this meeting and the other prizes not being forthcoming.

(*Z. and C. Express*, Jan. 10th.)

The *Gazette* contains a notification that the Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Gustave Delougraye as Consul at Hongkong for the French Republic.

A telegram from Sydney announces that the strike of seamen directed against the employment of Chinese sailors has terminated.

The third class cruiser *Kerguelen*, commanded by Captain Mathieu, was commissioned at Cherbourg on the 28th Dec., to proceed to the China Seas, via the Suez Canal. This vessel is to relieve the *Hugon*, reattached to the naval division of New Caledonia. The transport *chevalier La Correze*, commanded by Captain Pelissier-Pancon, made a trial of her machinery on the 1st ult., and will depart from Toulon for Saigon on the 20th inst.

The following appointments to the China Squadron are gazetted:—Commander-Stuart H. Kirwan, 1878, to *Ariolic*, vice Dupuis, promoted; Captain the Hon. A. D. S. Denison, 1878, to *Encounter*; Lieuts. C. H. Bayley, H. B. Elwyn, F. E. Grouse, L. K. Bell, to *Encounter*; Sub-Lieuts. H. P. Williams, W. De Salis, to *Encounter*; Surgeon Matthew Coates, to *Encounter*; Paymaster William Rhodes, to *Encounter*; Surgeon James B. Armstrong to *Encounter*; Chief-Engineer George Quick to *Encounter*; Engineer A. B. Gutteridge to *Encounter*; Assistant-Engineer F. W. Parkes to *Encounter*; Midshipman F. R. Morgan to *Iron Duke*, Naval Cadet L. E. Treherne to *Charybdis*; Clerks H. W. Bradburn to *Encounter*; C. W. Kiddie to *Iron Duke*.

Mr. J. B. Taylor and Mr. Alfred Howell, Honorary Secretaries, have issued a circular to the Subscribers to the fund for the endowment of Chinese Professorship at Oxford, announcing that the net receipts amount to £3,000, and that pending the decision of the authorities of the University of Oxford regarding the permanent endowment of the Chair of the Chinese Language and Literature, this sum has been deposited with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, at 5% per cent. per annum. This interest is paid half yearly to Professor Legge.

Canton.

February 19, 1879.

Referring to our reports of the 17th and 18th and the enclosed copy of the Vice-Roy's proclamation ostensibly conceding the contention of the disaffected in regard to the impost on fire-wood, which was posted yesterday, we must add that similar rumors of actual exactions contradict the inference that the question is definitely closed in their favor. Neither are we permitted to hope that the existing vices of the general fiscal system—whereby the rights of impost upon the necessities of life are habitually farmed out to associations of speculative and greedy capitalists who abuse the warrant thus accorded in proportion of the helplessness of the consuming classes until the burdens become intolerable and tumult ensues—can be effectively dealt with by the present local administration. With a sincere desire of amelioration, the Vice-Roy does not enjoy a prestige entitling him to initiative in radical reforms involving the vested interests of powerful associations whose clamor would be echoed at Peking; and the inevitable consequence is that the incidence of taxation falls heaviest upon the poorer, helpless classes.

As to the Opium-monopoly question, that is significantly ignored by the Vice-Roy in his proclamation, it is obvious that the gains of the farmers will be very large, and that to legitimately entitle themselves to its renewal, they should engage to appropriate a third or more of them to the purpose suggested in our note of the 17th instant.

February 20, 1879.

No new development of the habitually tentative policy pursued toward popular demonstrations has transpired since our report of last evening, and as the military guard posted near the Houqua mansions, at Shap-pat-poo, has been reduced, we may infer an indefinite postponement of hostile controversy; but not, as yet, the permanent establishment of reciprocal confidence between the Authorities and the aggrieved multitude.

Please note the misprint, overlooked by your compositor yesterday, of "antiquity of the two dwellings" for "contiguity of the two dwellings."

THE KATE WATERS TRAGEDY.

ARREST OF SOME OF THE CREW—THE SERANG'S STORY.

The S. S. *Ulysses*, which arrived here today from Liverpool and Singapore, brought seven members of the crew of the ill-fated barque *Kate Waters*. They were sent here by the authorities of Singapore in charge of seven constables, and are as nice a set of cut-throat looking rascals as one would wish to meet anywhere. One of the seven is, we believe, a native of Mauritius and speaks English very well, while he appears to be more of a Negro than a Malay. This man is kept separate from the other six, as he is a witness against them. His version of the story is that the vessel lay for about fifteen days outside Green Island after she cleared out of Hongkong, that she then beat up, and after about three weeks' battling against a head wind got close to the coast of Formosa. The Captain, he says, was a man of a very violent temper, and he used to drink very freely. He was in the habit of continually beating and knocking the men about; the mate and second mate were not so bad, but they also beat the man, instigated by the Captain. The last time the Captain was seen alive before he was murdered, he had asked the man if all was quiet forward, and he replied that it was. The Serang then went and turned in, and he believes the Captain did the same. The Chief Officer was on watch, but was often in the habit of taking forty winks when all was quiet. The Serang had no suspicions of what was going to occur, and the first intimation he had of anything unusual having taken place was his being awakened by the ship rolling heavily. He got up went out on deck and found the crew putting the vessel before the wind. He enquired who gave them orders, and they told him never to mind. On going aft he saw a lot of blood on the decks, and learnt from the cook (a Chinaman) that the Captain and the other two Europeans had been murdered. There were now on board three Chinese, viz., the cook, steward, and carpenter, the Serang and nine Malay seamen. The Malays took charge of the ship and ordered the Serang to steer for Hongkong. The Serang pleaded his inability to do so, owing to his ignorance of navigation; one of the Malays then told him to steer S. W., and later on E. The ship at length neared an island which proved to be the Island of Palawan; one of the boats having been provisioned, the Serang was ordered to go below and scuttle the vessel. This being done, he was ordered to go on shore and get some water. He thought the order strange, but feared to disobey. When he got on shore the others followed, and the Serang, who was a little distance off, heard one of the

ask one of the Chinese to pick up something from the ground. The man was in the act of complying when his head was nearly severed from his body by a blow from an axe. The Serang, seeing this, ran away round the island and hid amongst some shrubs. The other two Chinamen were both disposed of in like manner by these bloodthirsty miscreants. Whilst hidden amongst the brushwood the murderers passed close to his place of concealment, and he heard one man say "We must find that fellow and kill him, as we can speak English, and will be getting us into a mess." Some of the others laughed at this idea, saying that he could never get off the island and would die of starvation. It would appear, so far as we can learn, that the Malays then left the island, intending to go to Bangkok, and that after they had gone the Serang observed a boat and hailed it. The boat saw the signal, answered it and took him on board, when he found his way to Bangkok. The Malays landed on an island close to Bangkok river. The story after this appears to have got hold of the story, carried the Serang to keep out of sight, and then put him in a small cage where he was detained for one month. Three out of the nine Malays "smelt a rat" and escaped, the other six, with the Serang, being sent to Labuan, then to Singapore and finally to this port. They will probably be taken before the Magistrate to-morrow, when the true state of affairs may be made known.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

21st February, 1879.

CARRYING AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS.

The masters of the river steamers *Kinshan* and *Powen*, were summoned for carrying an excessive number of passengers on the 17th and 18th instants respectively.

The *Kinshan* is alleged to have had 1100 in excess, and the *Powen* 933. Mr. Breerton appeared on behalf of the defendants, and asked for an adjournment till Wednesday next, at noon, in order to procure the attendance of a witness. Mr. Sharp, who appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Crown, offering no objection, the case was adjourned accordingly.

STEAM LAUNCHES.

The masters of steam launches *Blanche* and *Nganloong* were charged by Inspector Matheson with carrying passengers in excess of the number they are allowed. The master of the *Blanche* was fined \$25 under Sec. 5 of Ord. 8 of 1875, but no conviction was obtained in the case of the *Nganloong* as the money-taker came forward and deposed as to the number of persons he issued tickets to.

HING THE BELL, WATCHMAN.

Kwan Atsun, a watchman at the Fire Brigade Station No. 5 Police Station, was charged by Mr. Carl Wassenius, Assistant Engineer of the Fire Brigade, with neglect of duty as a watchman, in not ringing the Fire Bell at 1 a.m. of the 20th.

Defendant admitted having seen the fire, but said that not knowing where it was he did not ring the bell. He was convicted of a breach of the regulations made under Ord. 4 of 1868 and fined \$5 or 7 days' imprisonment.

A BAD "CASE."

Thomas King, an engineer unemployed, and having no fixed place of abode, was charged with being drunk and incapable. Defendant admitted a former conviction for drunkenness, and was now ordered to be fined two sureties of £10 each to be henceforth of good behaviour or in default to be imprisoned for three months.

STRAGGLER.

Alexander Ostrom, a seaman, was charged with being a straggler from the American ship *Paul Revere*, and was ordered to be sent to his Consul.

TRACKED.

Chen Afat, described as a gardener, Lo Akung, his wife, and Yung Lin Tai, a married woman, known as the wife of a notorious criminal, were charged on remand by Inspector Cameron with being found in possession of certain articles of clothing and pawn-tickets relating to clothing, stolen from a house at Wong-nai-cheung. The property was found at the house of the first defendant, who said his wife had bought the articles from three men during his absence. The 2nd defendant said she bought the things from three men; but there were also several implements used by house-breakers found in the house, and the 2nd defendant accounted for this by saying that the three men who had sold her the things had left them behind the door.

Mr. Creagh fined the first defendant \$25 or three months' hard labour for unlawful possession; the second defendant was discharged, as she appeared to be the wife of the first; and the third defendant was convicted of unlawful possession, but cautioned and discharged as she appeared to have received the property from her husband who is known to be a notorious criminal.

LARSON.

Wong Adhong, a water coolie, was sent to 6 months' hard labour and ordered to be exposed in the stocks for four hours for stealing an iron fire-grate. They were caught in the act of breaking up the stove at the back of some of the ruins of the great fire.

ALLEGED BRUTAL ASSAULT.

The remanded case in which three men named Tang Aibing, Tang Chung Mac, and Kan Kwan Chai, were charged with brutally assaulting one Ho Asti, a water coolie, came on again for hearing to-day. Mr. Francis dismissed the case, as there was not sufficient evidence to sustain the defendants with having inflicted the wounds from which the complainant was suffering.

WORD OF PUDDING.

Kong Ah, a widow, and Wong Afat, a coolie, were charged with being found in the unlawful possession of 3 blankets and 5 pieces of pudding on the 20th instant. The 2nd defendant admitted being in possession of the articles named, but said that he picked them up in the street on the night of the late fire. The 1st defendant was discharged, but the 2nd was fined \$25 or 3 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Djennah*, Captain Hornandez, from Marseilles, with the London mail of the 11th January, arrived here this morning.

TELEGRAMS.

(*Straits Times Extra*.)

Paris, Feb. 6.—The New President has sent a message to the Chamber which expresses devotion to parliamentary and republican institutions.

London, Feb. 7.—Latest advices from the Cape report that skirmishes have taken place with the Zulu Kaffirs, but the British loss has been trifling. The Zulus are retreating into the interior of the country.

Constantinople, Feb. 8, (midnight).—The Russian Ambassador and the Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs signed the definitive Treaty of Peace this evening.

The evacuation of territory by the Russian troops will begin to-morrow February 9th and to be finished by March 16th.

Podgoritz has been handed over to Montenegro.

London, Feb. 8.—The Marquis of Hartington in the course of a speech at Liverpool yesterday explained the programme of the liberal party.

To complete measures for the County franchises, rearrange seats, to settle uniform local government, religious equality and reduction of local taxation.

The Board of Trade returns of Imports for the past month amount to £263 millions showing a decrease of 4% millions. The Board of Trade return of Exports for the past month amount to £143 millions showing a decrease of 4% millions.

The dock labourers and sailors at Liverpool have struck work.

London, Feb. 9.—The Crown Domains in Cyprus have been purchased by Great Britain.

The definitive Treaty of Peace annuls the Treaty of San Stefano and fixes the indemnity at three hundred million paper roubles.

The payment of the indemnity will be arranged later.

London, Feb. 10.—News just received from the Cape announces the almost entire annihilation of H. M.'s 24th Regiment together with six hundred friendly natives in an attack made by twenty thousand Zulu Kaffirs. Sixty British officers and five hundred soldiers were killed, the Zulu loss amounting to about five thousand.

Natal is in great danger. Reinforcements have been demanded by the Governor and High Commissioner.

(*From Indian Papers*.)

St. Petersburg, Jan. 25.—Russia has agreed to evacuate the territory now occupied 55 days after the signing of the definitive treaty of peace.

London, Jan. 25.—Frequent Cabinet Councils are being held.

Councils closed at 96, being a fall of 4 on previous quotation.

Both Germany and Austria contemplate the institution of a sanitary cordon on the Russian frontier should the plague increase, and also in consequence of conflicting accounts to send doctors to the infected districts to ascertain the actual state of affairs.

It is asserted upon authoritative information that the Amher will not go to St. Petersburg.

Alexandria, Jan. 26.—Arrangements have been made to establish a National Bank of Egypt with a capital of pounds 4,000,000.

London, Jan. 26.—The Accountant witness for the Crown testified at the trial of the Directors of the City of Glasgow, Bank that last year the Bank advanced pounds 2,849,000 to eight firms.

Lord Cranbrook, Secretary of State for India, will receive a deputation from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce on the subject of Indian import duties on the 4th February. The settlement of the Egyptian floating debt has been indefinitely postponed in consequence of a judgment for creditors sequestering that portion of the property ceded to Rothschild.

The latest from the Cape says that on the 6th of January Cetwayo had not accepted Sir Bartle Frere's ultimatum, but intended fighting. Military steps have been taken to compel him to satisfy our demands; but the British commander waits until the 11th January for a complete submission; meantime he makes preparations for crossing the frontier. At the meeting of Indians resident in London it was resolved to petition Parliament against India's paying the expenses of the Afghan war.

Rangoon, Jan. 27.—Colonel Wyndham, from Mandalay, formerly of the Calcutta Chitwari, attempted an ascent in a balloon on Saturday evening, but immediately after raising the balloon burst, falling in the royal lakes. Colonel Wyndham was drowned.

Constantinople, Jan. 28.—The negotiations for the rectification of the Greek frontier has been opened at Preveza.

London, Jan. 28.—On February 28th Mr. Fawcett will move for a Select Committee to enquire into the existing control of actual expenditure of the revenues of India.

The case for the prosecution in the trial of the Directors of Glasgow Bank has concluded; the charges of theft and embezzlement have been abandoned. Consols 96.

Paris, Jan. 29.—Marshall MacMahon by persisting in his refusal to acquiesce in the army changes has virtually resigned. His formal resignation is expected to-morrow after the Senate and Chamber of Deputies have passed the vote of confidence in the Ministry, thereby intimating their approval of the proposed changes in the command of Army Corps. A congress of the Senate and Deputies will then meet for the election of a new President.

Paris, Jan. 30.—At the Congress of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies to elect a new President in place of Marshal MacMahon, M. Grey obtained 506 votes, and General Chanzy, next in order, obtained only 99. M. Grey has been proclaimed President for a term of seven years.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—An article in the *Gazette* announces that Russia's action in Central Asia is only defensive. It deprecates any further advance, and advocates concentration and fortifying districts occupied as the base of defence against England. Consols closed at 96 $\frac{1$

THE CHINA MAIL.

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, COLOMBO, SUEZ, SMALIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;
ALSO, BOMBAY, MAINE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 22nd February, 1870, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *YANGTSE*, Commandant NOMEDEOU, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 21st February, 1870. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, February 13, 1870. fe22

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND HAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On through PASSAGES OF TWENTY PER CENT from Regular Rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., of 23rd Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1870. fe24



STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON;

ALSO BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship *GWALIOR*, Captain J. C. BAKER, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 1st March, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. MCIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 18, 1870. mal

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL.

CHINA PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC SHIPS.

THE S. S. *BELGIC* will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on or about the 15th day of March, 1870, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 14th March. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 6, 1870. M. 16

Notices of Firms.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM Date Mr. G. DE CHAMPEAUX Assumes the Management of the Company's Agency at this Port.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, February 13, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1870. jyl

NOTICE.

I HAVE admitted Captain EDWARD BURNIE to an Interest in my Business of MARINE SURVEYOR.

R. H. CAIRNS.

Club Chambers,

Hongkong, February 6, 1870. mal

NOTICE.

MR. EZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLOMON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm at this Port and in China, from 1st January, 1870.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, January 24, 1870. fe24

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co."*

J. GRANT SMITH.

Hongkong, January 1, 1870.

TO LET.

TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY. THE DWELLING HOUSE, OUT-HOUSES, OFFICES and GODOWNS, Recently occupied by Messrs. W. PUSTAU & Co.

Apply to LINSTEAD & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1870.

TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable for OFFICES and DWELLING, also for a STORE, Queen's Road Central, Possession 1st March next.

Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, February 4, 1870.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East.—

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession 1st February.

HOUSE No. 4, Praya East, either the whole House or in Flats, with possession on the 1st April next.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 15, 1870.

TO LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1870.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS OFFICES and GODOWNS, Nos. 55 and 60, Praya Central.

Apply to WO HANG,

Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 2, 1870.

INSURANCES.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEY SMITH,

General Agent.

Hongkong, December 9, 1870.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1870.

Insurance.

SWISS LLOYD
TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, have This Day taken over charge of the Hongkong Agency, and are prepared to grant INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current Rates to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, February 10, 1870.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

Vessel's Name.	Length.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Albay	366	F. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Jan. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
America	1000	G. Graham	Brit. str.	1000	Feb. 17	Birley & Co.		
Argyll	1271	G. Scott	Brit. str.	1271	Feb. 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Bombay	749	Brit. str.	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Australian Ports	To-morrow
Brisbane	891	Reddell	Brit. str.	891	Feb. 21	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Y'hama & San Felice	Malls, 24th
City of Peking	5079	Amer. str.	Amer. str.	5079	Feb. 22	P. M. S. S. Co.	Australian Ports	5th prox.
Conquest	971	Brit. str.	Brit. str.	971	Feb. 20	Kwong Lee Yuen	Salon	23rd inst.
Djennah	2288	Fch.	Brit. str.	2288	Feb. 21	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama	To-morrow
Douglas	864	Brit. str.	Brit. str.	864	Feb. 19	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Yokohama	23rd, daylight
Esmeralda	935	Brit. str.	Brit. str.	935	Feb. 21	Russell & Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Fame	117	Brit. str.	Brit. str.	117	Feb. 11	H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.	Manila	Tug Flying
Maharajah	994	Clark	Brit. str.	994	Feb. 11	Siemens & Co.	Swatow	Costan Dock
Norma	608	Brit. str.	Brit. str.	608	June 28	Kwok Acheong	Salon	Wanchai Pier
Ocean	971	Edmonson	Brit. str.	971	Jan. 16	Stevens & Co.	Salon	Cleared
Pacific	69	Amer. str.	Amer. str.	69	Jan. 20	Stemansen & Co.	Keelung	
Pernambuco	643	Hyde	Brit. str.	643	July 18	W. H. Ray	Newchwang	
Sea Gull	48	Amer. str.	Amer. str.	48	July 18	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	
Sunda	1029	Brit. str.	Brit. str.	1029	Feb. 20	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama	
Thales	1200	Brit. str.	Brit. str.	1200	Feb. 21	utterfield & Swire	Yokohama	
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